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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic camera, comprising:

an imaging part which captures a subject image;

a recording medium which records captured image data of the subject

image; and

at least one of an audio regeneration device which regenerates non-

ambient sound and a communication device which communicates with an

external device which performs audio regeneration, wherein when the subject

image is captured, audio regeneration data which at least indicates where non-

ambient sound during audio regeneration is stored within the audio

regeneration device is recorded in the recording medium together with the

captured image data and the audio regeneration data includes the non-ambient

sound from the recording medium.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic camera, comprising:

an imaging part which captures a subject image;

a recording medium which records captured image data of the subject

image;

at least one of a display which displays an image in accordance with the

image data recorded in the recording medium and an image signal output

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device which externally outputs an image signal in accordance with the image

data recorded in the recording medium; and

at least one of an audio regeneration device which regenerates non-

ambient sound and a communication device which communicates with an

external device which performs audio regeneration,

wherein the image data and the audio regeneration data recorded in the

recording medium are read out, and the image is displayed in accordance with

the image data while regenerating non-ambient sound stored within the audio

regeneration device or the external device at image-capturing in accordance

with the audio regeneration data stored within the recording medium.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording and regenerating method of an

electronic camera, comprising the steps of:

regenerating non-ambient sound in accordance with audio data which is

recorded in a first recording medium;

recording image data representing a subject in a second recording

medium at image-capturing, and recording, in the second recording medium,

audio regeneration data which indicates where the non-ambient sound is

stored within the first recording medium at the image capturing; and

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regenerating an image in accordance with the image data recorded in the

second recording medium, and regenerating the non-ambient sound at the

image-capturing in accordance with the audio regeneration data which is

recorded together with the image data in the second recording medium and

also in accordance with the non-ambient audio data which is recorded in the

first recording medium.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recording and regenerating method

of the electronic camera as defined in claim 3, wherein:

the audio regeneration data includes an elapsed time period extending

between a start point of the regenerating of the non-ambient sound and a point

of the image-capturing; and

the regenerating of the non-ambient sound in accordance with the audio

regeneration data starts from the start point of the elapsed time period.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recording and regenerating method

of the electronic camera as defined in claim 3, wherein:

the audio regeneration data includes an elapsed time period extending

from a start point of the regenerating of the non-ambient sound to an end

point;

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the regenerating of the non-ambient sound in accordance with the audio regeneration data starts at a predetermined time before the end point of the elapsed time; and

the regenerating of the image starts at the end of the elapsed time period.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recording and regenerating method of the electronic camera as defined in claim 3, wherein:

the audio regeneration data includes an elapsed time period extending from a start point of the regenerating of the non-ambient sound to an end point, and an order of regeneration;

the regenerating of the non-ambient sound in accordance with the audio regeneration data is successively performed by following the order of regeneration; and

in the regenerating of the image, the image is regenerated by successively changing a corresponding image whenever reaching at the end point of the elapsed time period.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recording and regenerating method of the electronic camera as defined in claim 3, wherein the first recording medium and the second recording medium are memory cards.

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8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recording and regenerating method

of the electronic camera as defined in claim 7, wherein:

the audio regeneration data includes an elapsed time period extending

between a start point of the regenerating of the non-ambient sound and a point

of the image-capturing; and

the regenerating of the non-ambient sound in accordance with the audio

regeneration data starts from the start point of the elapsed time.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recording and regenerating method

of the electronic camera as defined in claim 7, wherein:

the audio regeneration data includes an elapsed time period extending

from a start point of the regenerating of the non-ambient sound to an end

point;

the regenerating of the non-ambient sound in accordance with the audio

regeneration data starts at a predetermined time before the end point of the

elapsed time period; and

the regenerating of the image starts at the end point of the elapsed time

period.

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10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recording and regenerating method

of the electronic camera as defined in claim 7, wherein:

the audio regeneration data includes an elapsed time period extending

from a start point of the regenerating of the non-ambient sound to an end

point, and an order of regeneration;

the regenerating of the non-ambient sound in accordance with the audio

regeneration data is successively performed by following the order of

regeneration; and

in the regenerating of the image, the image is regenerated by successively

changing a corresponding image whenever reaching at the end point of the

elapsed time period.

11. (NEW) The recording and regenerating method of the electronic

camera as defined in claim 3, wherein the first recording medium is a disc

recording medium and the second recording medium is a memory card.